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B. GENEVA 216

1. SECRETARIAT (KAUTZOR-SCHRODER) INFORMED MISSION FEBRUARY 14 FURTHER DISCUSSION AMONG EC MEMBER STATES IN BRUSSELS RESULTED IN DECISION TO NARROW FROM EIGHT TO THREE THE LIST OF EC PREFERRED CANDIDATES (REF B) FOR TAX EXPERT MEMBERS OF DISC AND RELATED PANELS. THREE INDIVIDUALS EC NOW PREFERS ARE LOCKER (SWITZERLAND), VOGEL (FRG) AND PARRY (CANADA). EC ATTACHES NO PRIORITY TO ONE OR ANOTHER OF THESE THREE, I.E. ANY TWO OF THE ACCEPTABLE. EC HAS ASKED SEC TO ASCERTAIN IF U.S. CAN ACCEPT. EC REMAINS WILLING CONSIDER OTHER CANDIDATES U.S. MAY WISH WISH TO PROPOSE BUT ADVISED SEC THAT IF U.S. DOES ADVANCE NEW NAMES, EC WOULD WANT U.S. TO ACCEPT ONE OF THE THREE IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

2. EARLY INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IN MISSION
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VIEW, OUR CHANCES OF KEEPING PACE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF

PANELS MOVING AHEAD AT LEISURELY PACE LIKELY BE BETTER
SERVED BY MAKING SOME COUNTER-PROPOSALS RATHER THAN
BY SILENCE WHICH COULD GIVE EC IDEA WE ARE DELIBERATELY
STALLING.
DALE

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